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one string and it popped. The little prairie dog gnawed through another string and it popped. And the little prairie dog continued to gnaw till there was a large enough hole in the net for the man to escape. Brothers and sisters, that man was LeRoy Loudon. Prairie dogs do not hold grudges. In many respects, animals can teach human beings a lot. In the days during the time that this bill has been before us, people had put various pieces of information on our desks which they got off the Internet by way of their gadgets. It talked about the social structure that holds together the society of these animals. It talked about...and I got this from the encyclopedia of mammals that I have, how during the summertime there is intermingling among these coteries, which is what these smaller groups are called, and in the wards, as Senator Hudkins read to us. As you get closer to the fall of the year and then the winter, there is more exclusivity and the dominant male will not allow visitors from other coteries or wards to come into that area. As the weather grows warm, spring comes, the exclusive rule begins to loosen. Then, when summer comes, everybody can just come together and all just get along. Human beings could learn something from these animals. They do not have wars. They do not kill for the sheer love of killing. Senator Loudon mentioned that if there happens to be overcrowding then they will turn on their young and consume them. Human beings, where there is no overcrowding, will shake their little babies to death, they'll throw them against a wall, they will kick them, they will stomp them, they will desert them. That's not what prairie dogs will do. When people who study to try to determine the origin of human beings were doing so, there was a critter they called Consul and one called Proconsul in England. This was a chimpanzee, and George Bernard Shaw put words into the mouth of this animal, because in those days, those sophisticated, civilized Britishers were performing what they called operations. They were really experiments, vivisection on living animals; put them through this terrible pain. So when some of these people were offended because the suggestion was being made that human beings descended from apes, Proconsul was offended and said, don't put on us what these human beings are; there does not have to be a society for the prevention of cruelty to baby apes as there is among human beings; there are no apes who cut open the heads and burn the brains of human beings for the